Ru 202: Intermediate Russian II  
Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures  
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Instructor:  
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Course objectives:

Russian 202 is designed to help you develop intermediate proficiency in oral expression, listening comprehension, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. The course continues to foster students’ grammar skills in the Russian, reinforcing and enhancing their command of declension and conjugation systems, verbal aspects, verbs of motion, and other areas of Russian grammar.

Course requirements and policies:

Required texts:

Optional materials:
2. Videotape for Nachalo: When in Russia.
3. CD program for Nachalo. You will need this program in order to complete the workbook lab exercises. You can also access this program online: Go to http://www.slavic.uiuc.edu, click on “languages,” then on “Russian,” and then on “audio files” for Russian 202. You will need to use your Net ID and password to access these files. You need to have the Real Player software in order to listen to these audio files on your computer.
4. CD ROM for Nachalo.

You should also use additional resources, such as attending the “Russian table” (see below), watching Russian films available in the libraries and video stores and Russian news broadcast daily on the “Scola” channel (Channel 7). See www.scola.org for their program schedules and live streaming options.
Attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for mastering a foreign language. **Students with 8 or more absences (total) will receive an F.** In the cases of illness, religious holidays, family emergencies, or university obligations please notify your instructor in advance and provide a written note when appropriate. You may be asked to obtain a letter from the Emergency Dean:

300 Turner Student Services Building
610 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-0050

Each unexcused absence will result in the reduction of the attendance/participation part of your final grade, as will consistent late arrival to class. Please be punctual.

Class participation. You must come to class prepared even if you were absent for the previous class. Your detailed course plan (расписание) has all the information on the material covered on each particular day and the assigned homework. The instructor will keep track of those classes to which you come unprepared and will also mark the days when you take a particularly active participation in class. Your final attendance/participation grade will be greatly affected by the quality of your participation and the level and consistency of your preparedness.

You must always have your textbook with you. You should also always have your course plan (расписание) in case the instructor announces any changes to the plan. You are responsible for bringing the video guide to class whenever required by your instructor.

**Thursdays** are reserved for oral practice, listening comprehension, and reading. On certain Thursdays (see your расписание for specific dates), you will be presenting short news report or participating in a discussion of current events in Russia. These activities are critical for developing your communicative proficiency in the language and are an important part of your grade.

Homework. Your detailed course plan includes homework assigned in each class. The underlined assignments must be completed in writing (when appropriate) and turned in to the instructor in the next class. Your instructor will mark your mistakes on the homework but won’t correct it. **You have to self-correct your homework** and submit corrected homework at the next class. Your homework will be graded on a **4-point basis** according to the following criteria:

- timeliness;
- completeness;
- quality;
- self-corrections.

Failure to comply with one or more of these criteria will result in you receiving 3, 2, 1, or 0 for your homework respectively.

Tests. There will be a comprehensive **test** after each chapter (except for the last one). No make-up tests will be given. If a serious reason for missing a test can be proven, you may be allowed to make it up at the instructor’s discretion. You will also have one **oral test**. Details will be provided by your instructor. **Heritage speakers may be given a different assignment.**

The **final examination** will be cumulative and will cover chapters 12-14. Your instructor will announce the date, time, and location of the final.
Grading. The course will be graded according to the following formula:

Class participation and attendance\textsuperscript{1} 20%
Homework (\textbf{with corrections}) 20%
Oral test 10%
New reports 10%
Tests 20%
Final 20%

\textbf{Academic Integrity.} Cases of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to university policy. Please read the note on Academic Dishonesty very carefully:\url{http://www.uiuc.edu/admin_manual/code/rule_33.html}

For your homework assignments you should feel free to consult your textbooks, dictionaries, grammar books, or notes that might help you. \textbf{You may not seek outside assistance} (e.g., friends, family, native speakers, etc.) for completing graded assignments, including homework. You are also \textbf{not allowed to use computer-assisted translators or online translating programs.}

\textsuperscript{1} You can earn an extra credit for participation by attending the Russian conversation hour (time and location to be announced soon) and other University events related to Russia.